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SUBJECT: RENEWED ECONOMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND BURUNDI

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1. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR KAMALI TOLD ME AUG 16 THAT A SENIOR RWANDAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION IS NOW IN BUJUMBURA TO BEGIN WORK ON RE-BUILDING BILATERAL COOPERATION. THEY WILL SET UP A JOINT COFFEE QUALITY COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL DRAW ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AGENCIES OF TWO COUNTRIES, AND WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AS LOCUS FOR DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO COFFEE. BOTH HAVE FIRMED BURUNDI'S PURCHASE OF GOOD SHARE OF OUTPUT OF FUTURE CEMENT PLANT IN RWANDA WHICH CHINESE SHOULD START BUILDING NEXT YEAR. RWANDA IS NOW AGREED IN PRINCIPLE (SUBJECT TO FUNDS AVAILABILITY) TO PAVING OF ROAD NORTH OF BUJUMBURA INTO EXTREME SOUTH WESTERN RWANDA (AVOIDING CURRENT ROUTING VIA ZAIRE). BURUNDI HAS ASKED WHETHER KIGALI FACTOR FOR MAKING RADIO RECEIVERS WOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD SETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO BURUNDIAN PEASANTS. OTHER TOPICS ARE STILL TO BE REVIEWED.

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2. FOREGOING DEVELOPMENT INDICATES THAT EARLY AUGUST BAGAZA VISIT TO HABYARIMANA IS ALREADY HAVING SOME CONCRETE RESULTS. AS ALWAYS, EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND ON IMPLEMENTATION AT LOWER LEVELS, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN LETHARGY IN PAST. KAMALI IMPLIED THAT PROBLEM OF SMUGGLING A FEW MONTHS AGO OF SOME BURUNDI COFFEE INTO RWANDA FOR EXPORT HAD NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED MUCH ATTENTION OF TWO PRESIDENTS AND WAS RELATIVELY MINOR AFFAIR (AS IT MUST SEEM

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TO THE RWANDANS WHO GAINED FINANCIALLY FROM WHATEVER SMUGGLING
ACTUALLY WENT ON).

3. RE PARA 5 REFTEL, CEPGL SUMMIT MEETING IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER
8 TO 10 IN BUJUMBURA, ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES.
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